

Grant, Meredith

From: Lane, Kathleen
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 8:42 PM
To: Donna Perry
Subject: RE: Positive Alternatives RFP Questions

Yes I received the questions and passed them on.

The answers will be published by the end of the week.

Thanks,
Kathy

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy® Note 4.

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From: Donna Perry <liferesourcesga@bellsouth.net>
Date: 9/6/16 8:04 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Lane, Kathleen" <Kathleen.Lane@dph.ga.gov>
Subject: FW: Positive Alternatives RFP Questions

Kathleen, Please confirm the receipt of the questions and that we have gone through the proper channels.

Thank you.

Donna

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From: Donna Perry [mailto:liferesourcesga@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Kathleen.Lane@dph.ga.gov
Subject: Positive Alternatives RFP Questions

We are respectfully submitting the following questions pertaining to the RFP for the Positive Alternatives program:

Questions:

1. Following the award of this bid, will the contract management agency have the ability to work with the Department on certain modifications of the grant application process in order to ensure the success of the program - as indicated by O.C.G.A.31-2A-33 (b)(1) which states the contract management agency will "create the grant application process"? If so, please describe.
2. Can the line "through any means" in Exhibit 2, paragraph 9 subparagraph (d) (see Contract Shell page 43) be clearly amended to read, 'Provider shall not promote any religious or political cause to an Eligible Client through the use of grant funds, including but not limited to counseling or written materials.'?
3. Will the definition of "Eligible Client" be amend in the Contract Shell to conform with the definition in the statute which reads "Client means a person seeking or receiving pregnancy support services."?

4. The grant statute states that the "agency" shall conduct the audit of each direct service provider "by an independent certified public accountant" (O.C.G.A. 31-2A-39) but the contract shell says DPH will conduct the audit.(See Contract Shell page 33). Will the Contract Management Agency be responsible for this audit (which is preferred by us) AND is that expense to be considered in the estimated cost of services we would be responsible for?
5. Based on the set criteria listed in O.C.G.A.31-2A-36, may the contract management agency consider a direct service provider applicant that meets all of those criteria but who may only provide five of the eight services listed in O.C.G.A. 31-2A-34? (bidder acknowledges the DPH contract shell provision requiring direct service providers to provide all eight services allows for third party referral on some services but because of the non-profit nature of the providers, bidder is unaware of any such contracts existing with the estimated 70 potential applicants).
6. Along the lines of question 6, would DPH consider changing the requirement for applicants to show they provide all eight pregnancy support services and simply allow the contract management agency to take into consideration the number of services provided with the amount of funding awarded in each grant?
7. The Contract Shell sets out hourly reimbursement rates and a list of reimbursable expense on page 45, but these appear to omit or conflict with the specific things that may be provided in O.C.G.A. 31-2A-34. Is this a typo AND may the grant fund those things described in the list of services?
8. Page 3 – B.2 – Contract Renewal: Would you allow 90 days written notice of your intent to non-renew?
9. Page 5 – E.2 – Termination for Cause: Would you allow the agency “termination for cause” rights, specifically if the state were to get more than 180 days behind in payments?
10. Page 6 – E.4 – Termination for Convenience: Would you allow 90 days’ notice of termination of contract and a corresponding right for the agency?

Thank you for this opportunity for clarification. I look forward to viewing your answers.

Sincerely,

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